

HOUSE RESOLUTION 375

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Janice Walker on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Janice Walker is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker will be taking a much deserved retirement this year after more than forty years of serving as a positive influence on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Janice Walker inspires all of us to imagine a better future and create a better world by encouraging excellence in her students; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics in 1967 and earned her Master of Science in mathematics education in 1981, in addition to completing course work for certification in administration and supervision for grades seventh through twelfth, all from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Corryton, Tennessee have long recognized and appreciated Janice Walker's excellence as an educator and positive role model for young people as she has been a teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal at Gibbs High School since 1976; and

WHEREAS, prior to her outstanding tenure at Gibbs High School, Mrs. Walker served with acumen and alacrity at Powell High School for many years as a mathematics teacher, in which position she rendered astute service as the chairperson of the science department for three years, instituted the use of computers in the classroom, and was the sponsor of the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, before she joined the administration, Mrs. Walker was a dedicated mathematics teacher at Gibbs High School, during which time she served with diligence and dexterity as Chairperson of the math department for several years; implemented advance placement calculus, advance placement statistics, and computer science courses into the curriculum; established a Mu Alpha Theta chapter at Gibbs High School; participated in the textbook selection for mathematics; and served as Head Senior Sponsor for twelve years and Yearbook Advisor of ten years; and

WHEREAS, she provided capable leadership for Gibbs High School as Assistant Principal from 1999-2004, in which position she was named the NASSP Tennessee Assistant Principal of the Year in 2004; she earned the respect and admiration of staff, faculty, and students for the superior quality of her work as Principal from 2004-2008; and

WHEREAS, Janice Walker is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate faculty, staff, and students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker is an active and important part of her community, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Reach to Recover program of the American Cancer Society, and lending her support to Race for the Cure; and

WHEREAS, Janice Walker also contributes her time and numerous talents to Salem Baptist Church, where she is an active and devout member of the Property and Facility Committee; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishment aside, Janice Walker is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her husband of forty-two years, Dale; her daughters, Shelley and Denise; her son-in-law, Patrick; and her granddaughter, Madison; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Janice Walker truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Janice

Walker our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.